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Dear Dick,

On checking my Dean Andrews file I found a memo I wrote Jim Garrison 3/17/68 in which I reported that Oswald had asked him about getting into Mexico. I had only a dim recollection of this when you phoned last night.

As you asked, I enclose a copy of the memo.

I also call to your attention that in it I raised questions about the dependability of anything Andrews said.

I wrote this memo before my break with Garrison.

And I should have said in the first graf not that Oswald had asked Andrews about getting into Mexico but that Andrews told me that Oswald had asked. The difference can be great because it is not easy to take Andrews' unsupported word on anything.

So after all these years you are doing a JFK assassination book and it is on the very doubtful Richard Case Nagell!

Carroll and Graf are cornering the market on assassination books, I suppose because they are all doing well.

I do remember Martin from when he was on Garrison's staff and am clear that he had a perfect command of English but with a Latin American accent. He never told me that he had had any connection with the CIA, though.

I remember that he told me that Bringuer was known in the Cuban exile community as "El Estupides," which he translated as meaning "The Stupidity."

I remember also that I was with him one night when he visited an anti-Castro Cuban who worked for Ochsner.

I have a clear recollection of "Jim Rose," aka E. Carl McNab(b?) and of my belief his word could not be taken on anything. I caught him faking evidence of one of Garrison's zanier theories, of an ~~sm~~ ring of prominent men extending into the JFK and LBJ administrations. I am certain that it was Bill Turner and the Ramparts people who foisted him off on Garrison and am certain that I can trace it with some searching I would prefer not to take time for. It began with Stanley Scheinbaum at Santa Barbara, as I recall, through of all things- a right-wing talk-show host. Was his name Foley?

From my own OSS knowledge and from my work I do not believe Nagell. The CIA does not work that way. Few spookeries could survive if they did. But who knows- maybe you will prove me wrong.

Will you please be kind enough to send me a copy of the story confirming that Nagell did survive the disintegration of that plane near Baltimore?

Amazing!

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